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TOPIC Troops Moving to Templin

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1. Troops arriving by road at the Templin training area between 12 and 19 April 1952 included: 25X1

On 12 April. Twenty-five trucks, [Redacted]
each towing a 57-mm AT gun, passing through Zehdenick toward Hannelsspring at 11 a.m.; and 10 trucks [Redacted] 25X1
passing through Zehdenick toward Kannenburg at 3 p.m.

2. Troops arriving by rail at the Templin training area on 17 and 18 April included:

On 17 April. Five troop trains unloaded at the Templin railroad station at 8:30 a.m. carrying: half track motor vehicles, [Redacted] 25X1
cars; 25 trucks; [Redacted] 25X1
[Redacted] and 10 T-34/85 tanks [Redacted]
another troop train unloaded at the Templin railroad station carry- ing 30 to 40 trucks, [Redacted] 50 percent 25X1
with pontoons, motor boats and bridge equipment; and a troop train of 50 boxcars with troops and ammunition unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station.

On 18 April. A troop train with 25 trucks, [Redacted] 25X1
[Redacted] unloaded at the Zehdenick railroad station. *

3. On 19 April, [Redacted] the camp at the Templin troop training grounds was occupied to capacity. *

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4. The following observations were made on troops who left the former German concentration camp at Oranienburg (53/Z 67) between 13 and 18 April:

On 13 April. Entraining of a headquarters which went to Zehdenick.

On 14 April. The trucks of Unit Colonel Skoropa loaded with five disassembled barracks, left by road for Zehdenick.

At 2 p.m. on 16 April. Unit Lieutenant Colonel (Tech) Ziemarki left by road for Zehdenick. The unit included trucks carrying 6 to 8 pontoons, 2 motor boats and a rather large number of boats, 7 meters long which had been constructed by the troops at the concentration camp.

On 16 April. Entraining of elements belonging to Unit Skoropa, including T-34 tanks Nos 11, 13, 15, 18 and 19, motorcycles and trucks [redacted]

[redacted] Receiving station was Zehdenick. The kitchen at the concentration camp stopped operating. Colonel Gruenshenko (fnu) returned from leave. The building previously sheltering four model DA-C4 armored scout cars and motorcycles was vacant. **

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* [redacted] Comment. The units mentioned in paragraph 1, which had arrived by road between 12 and 19 April 1952, and the eight troop trains in paragraph 2 belong to the 25th Tank Div, the 6th Gds Necz Div and the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?). This confirms reports by other sources from the Templin troop training grounds, Oranienburg, Eberswalde and Doeberitz. [redacted]

[redacted], [redacted]. The confirmation of the arrival of elements of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?) which were identified for the first time at the Templin troop training grounds is of special value. According to another source, the billeting quarters in the Doeberitz Olympische Dorf of Unit Khlopov which is known from previous reports, were occupied by only a rear detail on 18 April 1952. It is possible that most of the troop movements ended on 19 April 1952 when the Templin troop training grounds was reported occupied.

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** [redacted] Comment. The units leaving Oranienburg possibly included the Hq 25th Tank Div and the 19th Engr Bn of the same division. The 53d Mtrcl Bn of the same division had probably arrived previously at the Templin troop training grounds. Ziemarki is listed as Lieutenant Colonel Zimakin (fnu), an administrative officer. He probably is administrative officer of the 19th Engr Bn. Colonels Skoropa (fnu) and Gruenshenko (fnu) are also [redacted] commanders or administrative officers of components of the 25th Tank Div.

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